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SUBJECT: ALIA'S OFFICIAL INAUGURAL FLIGHT

REF: AMMAN 4958

1. FOLLOWING UP REFTTEL, ALIA AIRLINES PRESIDENT GHANDOUR HAS WRITTEN TO INFORM ME THAT ALIA WILL INAUGURATE OFFICIALLY ITS NORTH AMERICAN SERVICE SEPTEMBER 12. INCLUDED IN THE FLIGHT WILL BE "THE JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE PRESIDENTS OF THE LAW AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS, ALONG WITH FOUR LEADING JOURNALISTS FROM BOTH JORDAN AND SYRIA." THE LETTER IS NOT SPECIFIC BUT GHANDOUR HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT ALL OFFICIALS LISTED ABOVE ARE JORDANIAN AS WELL AS SYRIAN. THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR IN AMMAN, WHO FORMERLY SERVED AS
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CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON, ABDUL KARIM SABBAGH, IS ALSO BEING INVITED.

2. GHANDOUR ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT CAN BE RECEIVED DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12-20 BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND AT A SENIOR LEVEL (GHANDOUR

SUGGESTS THE SECRETARY) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE. WE HAVE GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO GHANDOUR
THAT OFFICIALS WILL BE RECEIVED, BUT OBVIOUSLY
APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT
IF THE SECRETARY IS NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE THE
MINISTERS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY CONSIDER FAVORABLY
DOING SO. BOTH ARE IMPORTANT SENIOR OFFICIALS
OF THEIR COUNTRIES AND FAILURE TO BE RECEIVED
FOR COURTESY CALLS AT THE LEVELS INDICATED WOULD
REFLECT BADLY ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN THIS NOW
POLITICALLY VERY SIGNIFICANT AREA OF THE WORLD.
FYI: GHANDOUR HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY TO EMBASSY
THAT IN EVENT RANKING USG OFFICIALS WOULD BE UNABLE
TO MEET JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN TRANSPORTATION MINISTERS
DURING WEEK OF SEPT 12-20, HE WOULD CONSIDER POST-
PONING INAUGURAL FLIGHT UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT MEETING
WOULD BE POSSIBLE.
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